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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, CeaseFire Illinois is a non-profit agency providing grass-roots intervention services in Illinois communities at high risk for violence; and

WHEREAS, CeaseFire works in collaboration with local law enforcement and neighborhood coalitions to change attitudes and behaviors about violence; and

WHEREAS, CeaseFire currently serves 15 Chicago communities; and

WHEREAS, Two young girls were recently murdered in the Chicago community of Englewood; and

WHEREAS, Two-thirds of CeaseFire's funding reportedly comes from the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, According to news reports, CeaseFire operations in the Englewood community are underfunded; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a program audit of funding provided by or through the State of Illinois to CeaseFire Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to, the following determinations:

- (1) the total amount of funding provided by or through State of Illinois sources to CeaseFire in Fiscal Years 2004, 2005, and 2006;
- (2) the source of all funding provided to CeaseFire in those fiscal years;
- (3) the purposes for which that funding was provided,

1 including how decisions concerning the allocation of  
2 funding to various Chicago communities were made; and

3 (4) whether the State agencies providing funding or  
4 CeaseFire Illinois maintain performance measures and  
5 statistics reflecting the outcomes achieved with State  
6 funding; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That CeaseFire Illinois and any State or local  
8 agency that may have information relevant to this audit  
9 cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office  
10 in its audit; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as  
12 soon as possible and report his or her findings and  
13 recommendations upon completion in accordance with the  
14 provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.